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Fire Chief Matthew Hallock talks courage, calamity and just how close Santa Monica came to burning

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The infernos that ripped through Los Angeles are likely the most destructive and damaging events anyone in Los Angeles has ever witnessed. To surpass the level of devastation would require something truly apocalyptic with hundreds of thousands of residents forced to leave their homes and rebuild costs spiraling into the multiple hundreds of billions.

Without a shadow of doubt, this has been a life-changing experience for everyone in Santa Monica and indeed Los Angeles County. Without the commitment and courage of Fire Departments across region – and a little bit of luck – residents of Santa Monica might be sharing a very different story.

"We knew there was a red Red Flag Warning and that's one thing, but what was forecast was something we've never seen before," Santa Monica Fire Chief Matthew Hallock told the Daily Press.

"And so it was determined within our department to, what we call 'Up Staff.' In addition to all of our stations, we had extra crews to be here in the event that something were to happen. And it paid dividends, because we were immediately able to respond to the incident,"

Hallock said that as such, his crews were ready to go at a moment's notice and once the incident began to unfold at about 10:30 a.m., the seriousness of the situation was beginning to show itself. However, at the same time as responding to what's called an "Immediate Need," it was necessary to maintain cover to the city. Daily routines remained relatively normal at that point, people still get stuck in elevators or need medical assistance after all.

Taking his position at the command post near Sunset Blvd and the Pacific Coast Highway, it quickly became clear that this was no ordinary wildfire.

"That's when plans started to get put in place on the scale of what we're dealing with and the situation started to explode," he said.

The command post was quickly moved up to Will Rogers where they could monitor the supply of resources and request additional support, plus of course closely watch how the weather was behaving. Hallock and firefighters from not just Santa Monica, but Orange County and all over Los Angeles were already pulling 24-hour shifts.

"The winds were nothing like I've ever seen in my entire fire service career. I've never seen wind like that, that night," he said, adding, "Everybody has just been through it, through the mixer. And those first few days, I can't even begin to describe what I witnessed and what I saw. Our folks from here in Santa Monica and all the other

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FIRE: The Palisades Fire became an around-the-clock mission for local fire departments.

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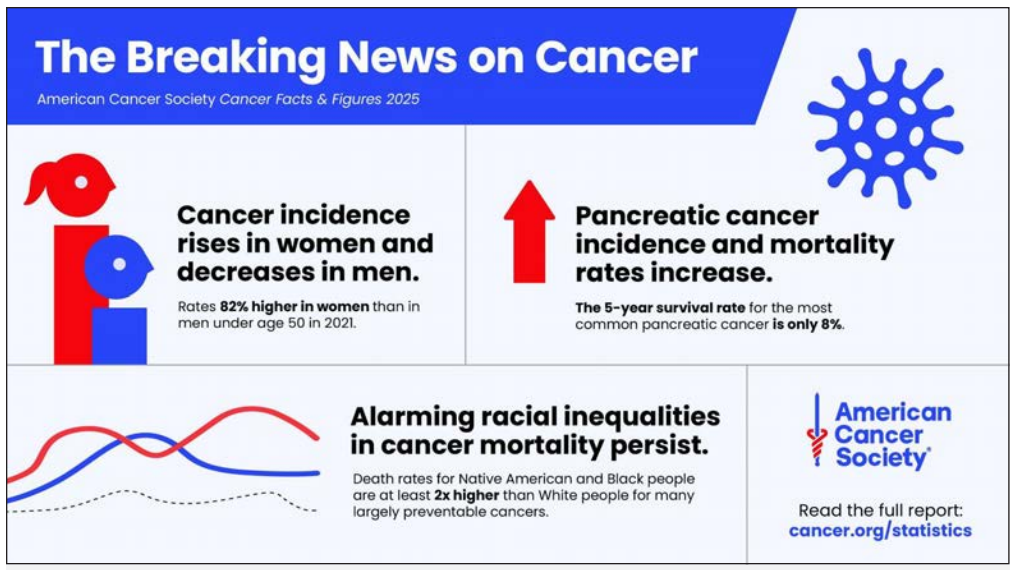


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Cancer risks possible in the air, water post-fire



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CANCER: The American Cancer Society's annual report showed a "shifting of burden" of the disease over to women.

THOMAS LEFFLER
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Residents of Pacific Palisades who were lucky enough not to lose their homes in the Palisades Fire may be returning to an environment that can trigger harmful diseases.

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>
> - Dr. Fola May

Both threats from water and air currently exist for those in the area, including the risk of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into municipal water systems. Wildfires that melt or heat plastic and fumes that enter water pipes, a Washington Post report states, can bring "dozens of VOCs" into plumbing, including Benzene.

Long-term health impacts from VOC exposure include cancer. Experts are still trying to understand the ramifications of air quality as it relates to cancer, though UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center professor Dr. Fola May, MD, said residents shouldn't be too worried.

"All that we know from air pollutants and cancer risk suggests, at this point, that it's (from) long-term exposures," Dr. May said. "So although this is an area that probably needs a lot more study, we don't have any immediate concerns because this was a short event."

One group that was exposed for longer periods, however, have been the firefighters battling the blazes in Palisades and Altadena. To try and better understand cancer risks to firefighters exposed to hazardous substances, firefighters will be monitored throughout their activities to determine exposure risk.

According to Fox 40, 50 firefighters will participate in the study, a collaboration between Cal Fire, the National Firefighter Cancer Cohort Study, and the University of Arizona. All participants will provide blood and urine samples and wear silicone wristbands that absorb smoke for analysis, with a goal to develop safety protocols for future fires.

The disease also made the news this week with the American Cancer Society (ACS) annual cancer statistics report, a mixed bag of information, though highlighted with a positive.

Latest findings from ACS state that cancer mortality rate in the United States has declined by 34% from 1991 to 2022, an aversion of approximately 4.5 million deaths. Mortality rates have dropped even steeper in children and adolescents, the report says, due in large part to increase treatment for leukemia.

"The biggest contributors to that decline (have) been how we live our lives, so a reduction in the use of tobacco or smoking," May said. "We know as well that we've had some improvement in cancer treatments over time, and also we've had some improvement in the ability to detect cancers early stage. We know that when we detect cancer early stage, you have a higher likelihood of survival."

However, an increasing incidence for many cancer types in women and younger adults have been "shifting the burden of disease," including a higher incidence for lung cancer in women than in man 65 and under. May stated this is due to increases in

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OPINION **UNMUTED**

Devan Sipher

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Fear and gratitude

I wasn't planning to write a column about the fires. What is there to say? All of us in Santa Monica saw the thick plumes of smoke as well as the photos of what remains beneath them. All of us lived through the expanding evacuation orders (and warnings). And all of us are lucky, because we didn't lose our homes here. But most of us lost something else: our sense of safety.

Safety was a key issue in the recent local election. Who would have guessed how quickly we would redefine it? Homelessness suddenly became a very different kind of threat as we witnessed the obliteration of Pacific Palisades. Of course, the reality is that Santa Monica doesn't have the same level of geographical fire risk, but were we willing to count on a cataclysmic wildfire being rational?

Unlike our northern neighbors, many of us in Santa Monica had the luxury of getting to decide whether to evacuate. However, selecting what belongings we considered most "valuable" may have been the most challenging part for those of us fortunate enough to have the time to do so. I personally felt a sense of inertia set in as I deliberated between taking my great-grandmother's candlesticks or a box of Super 8 films from my childhood. (I chose the candlesticks.)

It was exhausting merely contemplating the worst-case scenario, which seemed unimaginable, though it's questionable if it should have been so unimaginable. It's not like this was the first time that events beyond our control have exposed our vulnerability. There was 9/11. There was COVID. And, of course, there have been previous fires. To live in California is to accept the vagaries of nature's tempestuousness and to always be prepared for the ground to shift beneath us.

We know what it feels like for the earth to convulse and force us to acknowledge the ephemeral nature of everything in our lives. But that feeling isn't unique to people residing in a seismic zone. Being human means repeatedly enduring unexpected upheaval, and, fittingly, I'm writing this column before the 47th President is inaugurated, with no way of predicting what that will portend. We never know what's coming around the corner. Sometimes quite literally.

Nine years ago I was run over by a double-decker bus while crossing a street in New York City (on a green light in a crosswalk). I wasn't expected to live. I ended up in the ICU for three months and returned to the hospital for additional surgeries over the following year. My doctors told me it was unlikely I'd keep my legs and almost impossible that I'd ever walk again unassisted, which makes my current runs along the Santa Monica beach doubly gratifying. Fortunately, it's not just negative surprises waiting around the corner for us, but also positive ones.

I would never recommend being plowed down by a 30,000-pound vehicle, but I learned a lot from my experience. One of the things I learned is that everyone feels like they've been run over by a bus at some point in their lives. I also learned that although we have little control over the calamities we suffer, we have great control over our reaction.

It's healthy to grieve for what we've lost, including our sense of security. And it's natural to be scared of the challenges we face, but we should also be grateful for the opportunity to face them. I don't pretend that my experience is the equivalent of Angelenos who have lost everything this month, but a crucial fact is that they haven't lost "everything," as long as they and their loved ones are still alive.

Winston Churchill said "Never let a good crisis go to waste." I don't want to diminish in any way the anguish people are experiencing, but there will also be opportunities for growth, as individuals and as a community. It's not a guarantee, and there's already finger pointing and price gouging. But there's also generosity and resilience.

One last thing I learned in the hospital is that we never know what we're capable of until we're tested. I started a habit back then of making a weekly silent prayer. I'm not sure if it was to God or the universe or maybe it was just to myself. But I prayed to be stronger, wiser, and kinder. I still pray for the same things, but this week I'm praying for all of us.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **57.2**

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Fading NW swell and SW pulse for smaller surf, still fun zone for good exposures west of Pt. Dume. Trend towards weaker waves continues Thursday into Friday. Light winds due through the day, most favorable in the AM.

THURSDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Waves continued to wind down as old NW swell drops and SW pulse fades out. Good spots west of Pt. Dume top out around waist-high. The points are mostly below thigh-high. Light winds/clean conditions due through the morning. Light+ onshores for spots out west, the points stay pretty clean.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 69. North wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48.

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2025/01/22	Wed	11:30 AM	1.21	L
2025/01/23	Thu	04:12 AM	4.60	H
2025/01/23	Thu	12:24 PM	0.62	L
2025/01/24	Fri	05:05 AM	4.90	H
2025/01/24	Fri	1:03 PM	0.07	L
2025/01/24	Fri	8:11 PM	3.07	H
2025/01/24	Fri	11:15 PM	2.78	L
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Why are lone homes left standing after the fires? It's not entirely luck



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HOMES: Some homes survived the Los Angeles blazes, something that isn't entirely attributed to luck.

Emails and videos of burned buildings in Los Angeles next to those left standing have been flying back and forth among architects, builders and fire safety specialists around the world.

For many homeowners, like Enrique Balcazar, the sometimes scattershot nature of the carnage can seem like random chance. Balcazar, a real estate agent, posted video that showed little more than chimneys remaining of most homes on his block after fire leapt through his Altadena neighborhood. Balcazar stood on his neighbor's destroyed classic Mustang to douse his smoldering roof, but his home was otherwise fine.

"It's an older house and it still has the old wood sidings," Balcazar said. "To me there's nothing explainable in logical or scientific reason of why my house would not have burned."

Many experts say luck does play a part. After all, wind can shift 180 degrees in a split second, pushing fire away from your house and towards a neighbor's. But they also say there are many ways that homes can be made less vulnerable to fire.

"Because there are, say, 50 ways a fire can burn your house," said Greg Faulkner of Faulkner Architects in California, who has focused on less combustible home exteriors for more than a decade. "If you eliminate half of those, or three-quarters of them, that's not luck, that's increasing your odds."

People in fire country generally know that trees, landscaping and wood fences near homes can be a fire risk. Architects and contractors are going beyond that, using newer materials and techniques in roofing, walls and windows to keep buildings standing. The measures do add cost to the homes — around 3% to 6%, Faulkner said, or as much as 10% for the most robust protection.

Many of these experts no longer use wood siding. Where it is used, or still allowed, it needs to have a fire-resistant barrier underneath, often made of gypsum, the same material used to make drywall. That way if the wood catches fire, it takes longer for the heat to reach inside the home

But even with that, you're still putting a combustible material on the building, said Richard Schuh, with Nielsen : Schuh Architects. "So that would be something we would avoid. Use of fire-resistant materials is critical."

Stucco, a cement material, is a common exterior for Southern California houses and it's fire-resistant. Reviewing AP photographs showing buildings still standing, Arnold Tarling, who has four decades experience in fire protection and building inspection in Britain, said houses with stucco walls appeared to survive the Los Angeles fires better. Yet if more of them had had a layer of gypsum beneath the stucco, it would have given more protection from the heat, he said.

Windows are a huge factor in whether a home burns down, because so much heat is transmitted through them. Double-pane windows significantly slow heat coming from the burning building next door.

"The outside layer protects the inside layer until it fails," said Schuh. Codes in many places require one of the two panes to be tempered, which is much more resistant to heat than conventional glass, he said.

Tarling noted one intact Malibu beachfront home, surrounded by gutted buildings. He speculated that the fact that no windows faced a neighbor helped protect it because radiated heat couldn't penetrate as easily.

In his buildings, Faulkner builds in fire shutters that can slide closed and cover the windows.

Then there's the roof — a convenient landing pad for fire embers.

Simpler roof lines can allow red-hot embers to slide off. Spanish Mission, for example, is an iconic Los Angeles style — part of what says "Hollywood" in movies about the city, for example, as well as a reminder of its Mexican and Spanish history. That style doesn't always have simple roof lines — the knee walls that are common on Mission-style roofs create corners.

"The embers could, just like snow, gather in that corner," Faulkner said.

Many roofs in the U.S. are covered in asphalt. Areas that are designated as wildfire-prone in California – an ever-growing area – are required to use roofing that delays the transfer of heat to the inside of the building, called one-hour or Class A.

Still, asphalt is a petroleum product. Some building professionals prefer metal, which doesn't burn. Metal has its own downside, though: It conducts heat. Putting a layer of gypsum under a metal roof is becoming a common practice in some areas.

Maybe as important as which material is used on a roof is whether the roof offers fire a way to get in. Here, as in so many tradeoffs, one effort to do good conflicts with another: Contractors have been more careful over the years to make sure moisture doesn't build up in attics by making sure air circulates, using those vents that are visible on many roofs or under eaves.

But in a powerful fire, Schuh says, "if you're on the side where the wind is putting pressure against the house, it's also blowing the flames into the house like a blow torch," and fire gets in through the vents.

On the other side of the house, it can create a vacuum, several experts said, sucking fire in.

But you can't easily just eliminate roof ventilation because it will cause moisture problems, said Cesar Martin Gomez, an architect at the University of Navarra, Spain, who's worked for 25 years in building services.

Faulkner said in some buildings he's eliminating the need for ventilation in the roof structure by sealing the spaces. Schuh is using a cover on roof vents that can actually respond to fire with a mesh that closes.

Martin Gomez noted that in some parts of Australia, new homes are required to have water tanks. "If each home has the ability to protect itself, fire won't be able to spread as much," he said.

And some homes in the U.S. are now built with sprinkler systems for the outside of the house, not just the inside. It sprays water with a soapy solution to make it flow over the surface of the building, Schuh said.

"You're adding one more layer of protection to your building, and that's more of a priority now than ever because your insurance company may or not be around for you," he said.

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Trump grants sweeping pardon of Jan. 6 defendants, including rioters who violently attacked police

President Donald Trump has pardoned, commuted the prison sentences or vowed to dismiss the cases of all of the 1,500-plus people charged with crimes in the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot, including people convicted of assaulting police officers, using his clemency powers on his first day back in office to undo the massive prosecution of the unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy.

Trump's action, just hours after his return to the White House on Monday, paves the way for the release from prison of people found guilty of violent attacks on police, as well as leaders of far-right extremist groups convicted of failed plots to keep the Republican in power after he lost the 2020 presidential election to Democrat Joe Biden.

The pardons are a culmination of Trump's yearslong campaign to rewrite the history of the Jan. 6 attack, which left more than 100 police officers injured as the angry mob of Trump supporters — some armed with poles, bats and bear spray — overwhelmed law enforcement, shattered windows and sent lawmakers and aides running into hiding. While pardons were expected, the speed and the scope of the clemency amounted to a stunning dismantling of the Justice Department's effort to hold participants accountable over what has been described as one of the darkest days in the country's history.

Trump also ordered the attorney general to seek the dismissal of roughly 450 cases that are pending before judges stemming from the largest investigation in Justice Department history.

Casting the rioters as "patriots" and "hostages," Trump has claimed they were unfairly treated by the Justice Department, which also charged him with federal crimes in two cases he contends were politically motivated. Trump said the pardons will end "a grave national injustice that has been perpetrated upon the American people over the last four years" and begin "a process of national reconciliation."

The pardons were met with elation from Trump supporters and lawyers for the Jan. 6 defendants. Trump supporters gathered late Monday in the cold outside the Washington jail, where more than a dozen defendants were being held before the pardons.

"We are deeply thankful for President Trump for his actions today," said James Lee Bright, an attorney who represented Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes, who was serving an 18-year prison sentence after being convicted of seditious conspiracy and other crimes.

It's unclear how quickly the defendants may be released from prison. An attorney for Enrique Tarrio, the former Proud Boys national chairman who was sentenced to 22 years in prison for seditious conspiracy, said he expected his client to be released from prison Monday night.

"This marks a pivotal moment in our client's life, and it symbolizes a turning point for our nation," attorney Nayib Hassan said in a statement. "We are optimistic for the future, as we now turn the page on this chapter, embracing new possibilities and opportunities."

Democrats slammed the move to extend the pardons to violent rioters, many of whose crimes were captured on camera and broadcast on live TV. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called it "an outrageous insult to our justice system and the heroes who suffered physical scars and emotional trauma as they protected the Capitol, the Congress and the Constitution."

"Donald Trump is ushering in a Golden Age for people that break the law and attempt to overthrow the government," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said in an emailed statement.

Former Metropolitan Police Officer Michael Fanone, who lost consciousness and suffered a heart attack after a rioter shocked him with a stun gun, appeared taken aback to learn from an Associated Press reporter that those who assaulted police officers are among the pardon recipients.

"This is what the American people voted for," he said. "How do you react to something like that?"

Fanone said he has spent the past four years worried about his safety and the well-being of his family. Pardoning his assailants only compounds his fears, he said.

"I think they're cowards," he said. "Their strength was in their numbers and the mob mentality. And as individuals, they are who they are."

Trump had suggested in the weeks leading up to his return to the White House that instead of blanket pardons, he would look at the Jan. 6 defendants on a case-by-case basis. And Vice President JD Vance had said just days ago that people responsible for the violence during the Capitol riot "obviously" should not be pardoned.

Fourteen defendants, including several convicted of seditious conspiracy, had their sentences commuted, while the rest of those found guilty of Jan. 6 crimes were granted "full, complete and unconditional" pardons.

The pardons come weeks after the Justice Department abandoned its two federal criminal cases against Trump, citing its policy against prosecuting sitting presidents. Had Trump lost the 2024 election, he may have ultimately stood trial on charges in the same federal courthouse in Washington in the case that had accused him of conspiring to overturn his 2020 election loss in a desperate bid to cling to power.

More than 1,200 people across the U.S. had been convicted of Jan. 6 crimes over the last four years, including roughly 200 people who pleaded guilty to assaulting law enforcement.

Hundreds of Jan. 6 defendants who didn't engage in any of the violence and destruction were charged with misdemeanor trespassing offenses, and many of those served little to no time behind bars.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.42/g , according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 9.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 10.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 8.1 cents in the last week and stands at $3.606 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.69/g while the most expensive was $5.49/g, a difference of $1.80/g. The lowest price in the state was $3.39/g while the highest was $8.09/g, a difference of $4.70/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.09/g . The national average is up 4.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 1.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Families of wildfire victims mired in grief, questioning what more could have been done



Photo by Scott Snowden

VICTIMS: For many, everything they had was destroyed by the fire.

The house was burning with her brother-in-law and nephew inside when Jackie McDaniels flagged down a firetruck and begged for help.

"Whoever is in there is no longer alive," she recalled one of the firemen telling her before urging her to flee her Altadena neighborhood. "I pray to God that they were. But it was horrible to have to leave them there."

> "It's really just a different beast of a fire when it's this propagating entity of just total mayhem"
>
> - Benjamin Hatchett

Now McDaniels, like so many, is facing the gripping realities of grief and questions about what more could have been done. Experts say these survivors are victims themselves; the fires that swept through the Los Angeles area this month were fast-moving and fierce.

"It's really just a different beast of a fire when it's this propagating entity of just total mayhem," said Benjamin Hatchett, a fire meteorologist with the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere at Colorado State University.

But that doesn't ease the pain or the questions for the families of the more than two dozen killed, some unable to escape, others unaware of what was coming, having survived other blazes unscathed.

Among the dead is Dalyce Curry, who rubbed shoulders with some of the elites of old Hollywood in her youth. To family, she went by a different name.

"Momma Dee, that's the fire," her granddaughter and namesake, Dalyce Kelley, recalls saying as she drove the 95-year-old to her Altadena home on Jan. 7 after a day of medical tests.

But the flames they saw seemed so far away and power was still on. Now Kelley wishes she would have asked more questions, wishes she would have returned earlier.

"I will live with that regret for the rest of my life," she said.

That saddens Jennifer Marlon, a wildfire and climate research scientist at Yale's School of the Environment. She said larger factors were at play, the summer the warmest on record in California, drying out the vegetation that fueled the flames.

"These are, by and large, not situations that people could have really anticipated," she said. "It's incredibly tragic that people are blaming themselves and wracked with guilt."

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FIRE

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departments, their efforts have been nothing short of heroic."

According to Hallock, fire departments from Texas, Utah, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Arizona all selflessly came to the assistance of Los Angeles, plus of course Mexico and British Columbia.

As crowds of onlookers and evacuees gathered along the top of Adelaide Drive on that fateful Tuesday afternoon, it's safe to say that many were wondering if the inferno would envelop Santa Monica. Both mandatory and evacuation warning notices were issued to different parts of the city and had the conditions varied just a little bit, the outcome would have been a far cry from what it was.

"It was close, oh, it was close," Hallock said. "We were prepared to defend Santa Monica, not just with our resources that we already had out there, but we would draw everything from within the city. Culver City gave us equipment and staff and said, 'Whatever you need, we're here for you,' so we would have put up an extreme fight at that location."

That location was San Vicente Blvd and this was where the Santa Monica Fire Department was going to make its stand. But, as Hallock explains, it's not as simple as drawing a line in the sand. The high winds were carrying red hot embers that could very easily ignite any nearby vegetation, allowing the fire to spread rapidly.

"We can deal with the vegetation that's in place as the fire approaches, but the 'ember casts' a mile away are things that present such a conundrum for us, because that'll be a whole new start in an area that we're not ready to be at yet, or we're prepared to be at yet. So those are things that were a deep concern for us," he said.

"That's why we took the precautions that we did, it was to ensure that it wasn't a panic-stricken or rushed evacuation, because we had to. As the saying goes, chance favors the prepared."

But even now, as the threat of danger has seemingly passed, the effects of this once-in-a-generation disaster will be felt for decades to come. Not only do those who have suffered have to rebuild their lives, construction will be a logistical nightmare, there will be economic ramifications and the astounding courage shown by the crews of every fire department involved will also have consequences.

"That's a deep concern of mine," Hallock said. "These people are consummate professionals and they are passionate about this job, but many were working for 36 hours or more fighting the fires non-stop. And that's unusual, but in this instance they were having to go from one fire to another.

"I looked in their faces and I saw compassion, but I also saw fatigue and that worries me … I'm concerned about the long term effects of this. We are often exposed to toxins and we know that's part of this job, but I don't know how many structure fires the teams responded to and what they breathed in, because we're not typically wearing a breathing apparatus in a wildland setting," Hallock said.

A major priority for Hallock is to make sure everyone gets properly tested and he pointed out that this conversation was taking place in the Dom Smith Memorial Room at Station 1. Smith was a firefighter from Santa Monica who died in 2023 from job-related cancer.

> To every department in the years to come, we will start to see what was inhaled, but it's the community as well and folks are going to want to go back into those devastated areas. And we want to be there, we want to provide them with a N95 mask and some gloves and anything we can to help them get into those areas so that they can potentially get some closure on this disaster
> - Matthew Hallock, Santa Monica Fire Chief

"They're here fighting for the community and families that they don't know, while their families at home are relying on them to come home and be there. So that's a very big concern of mine," Hallock said, adding that all the burnt out cars, with oils and petroleum and rubber, plus plastics and so many other household items that produce toxic fumes when burned, were a genuine worry.

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As we were talking, a gentleman arrived unexpectedly at the station with five giant trays of donuts that had been kindly donated by a nearby store and Hallock remarked that the outpouring of generosity and compassion from the residents of Santa Monica had been mind-blowing.

"The community has been amazing and their willingness to donate, whether it be money to the Red Cross or supplies. If you're able to do that, please do so through the city's website and donation centers. People are going to be in need for quite some time. And if we can keep that steady stream of donations to those charitable resources, I think that would be tremendous," he said.

Along with clothing, Hallock says that wet wipes, masks, gloves and similar items would be extremely useful.

"And if you have nothing to donate, come by and say, 'Hi' or just say hello if you see a firefighter at the grocery store. It means a lot to these people," Hallock said.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event for all of us and I hope it's the last, you just never know – but not one of these people had so much as a second thought, it was, 'All hands on deck,' and they all knew what their job was and they did it phenomenally. Every one of them."



Courtesy SMFD

FIREFIGHTERS: Chief Matthew Hallock and the Santa Monica Fire Department were in the thick of the Palisades Fire.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) / Kindergarten Roundup Planned for January 23 for Santa Monica Schools

TK and Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Thursday, January 23, at neighborhood Santa Monica schools.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) / Kindergarten Roundup, as the yearly event is called, is an opportunity for Santa Monica parents of children entering TK or Kindergarten for the upcoming year to meet the principal and teachers of their neighborhood school, learn about before and after school care, and begin the registration process for the 2025-26 school year.

Roundup time on Jan. 23 varies by school.

The California Universal Prekindergarten Expansion now provides TK for every age-eligible child, making TK the entry level grade into public school. Check the birthday guidelines for qualification.

"Providing early learning opportunities in our Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District schools allow students the time and experiences to develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively, and to support them in becoming life-long learners," said Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, Director of Early Learning.

SMMUSD offers TK and Kindergarten at Franklin, Grant, McKinley, Rogers, and Roosevelt in Santa Monica, plus the addition of TK at SMASH, serving the Ocean Park neighborhood. Edison Language Academy offers TK through its lottery enrollment system.

Visit the SMMUSD new student enrollment webpage for more information and to find your neighborhood school.

"Attending TK/K Round Up at your home school on Jan. 23 or visiting as soon as possible is critical. This will ensure families feel connected from the beginning and provides enough time for our district to make all necessary teacher, staffing, and materials adjustments prior to the start of school," said Dr. Samarge-Powell.

MALIBU ROUNDUP UPDATE

TK/K Roundup for Malibu Elementary and Webster Elementary has been rescheduled to Thursday, Feb. 20. This decision was made in response to the impact of the Palisades Fire, which has significantly affected the Malibu community.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Child Development Services (CDS) department oversees programs serving preschool-age students throughout the district. The program includes fee-based part and full-day programs and state-subsidized programs offering free preschool for qualifying families. Preschool programs occur throughout Santa Monica and Malibu. They have a variety of programs, including part-day (three hours), extended-day (six hours), and full-day (10-hour) classrooms.

As part of SMMUSD's Early Learning Pathway, the programs are District-aligned, Reggio-inspired, and STEAM-enhanced. They provide families with a robust program to positively launch their child's early education experience. For the 2025-26 school year, preschool programs are offered throughout SMMUSD. The early learning pathway's mission is to foster relationships between families, community, and educators, creating a seamless transition to elementary school.

For questions about SMMUSD preschool programs, please call the Child Development Services Office at 310-399-5865 or visit www.smmusd.org/cds.

For questions about TK or kindergarten programs, please contact your neighborhood school or visit https://www.smmusd.org/domain/305.

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STUDENTS: Kindergarten programs will be open this week.

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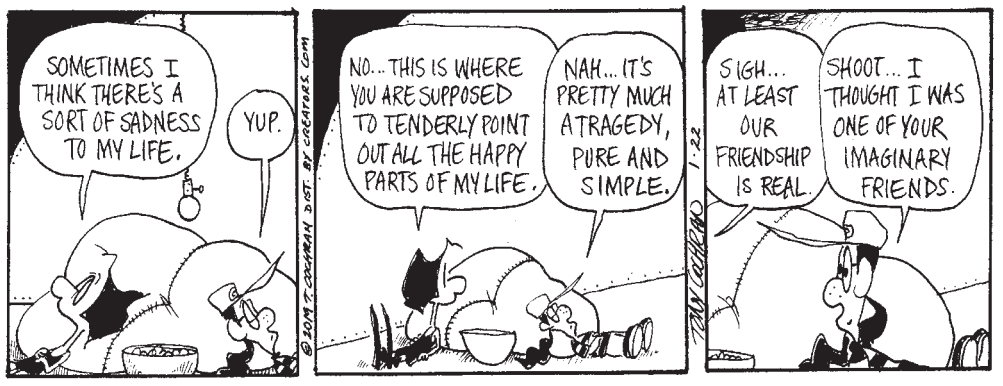
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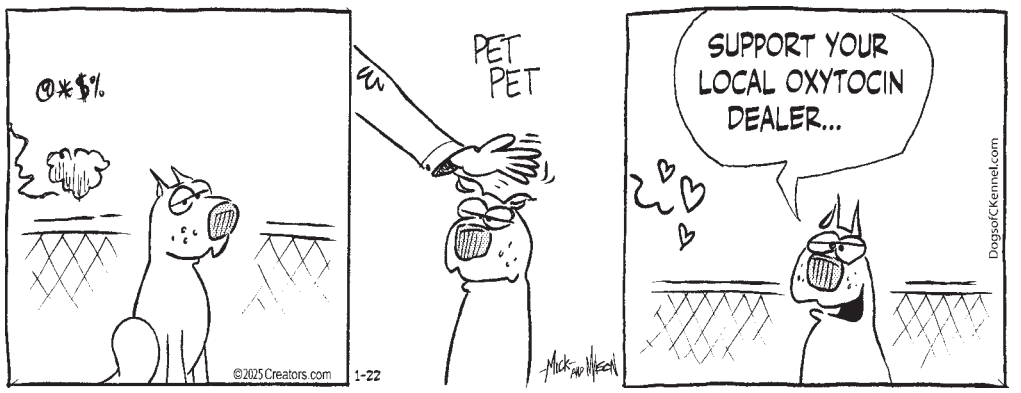
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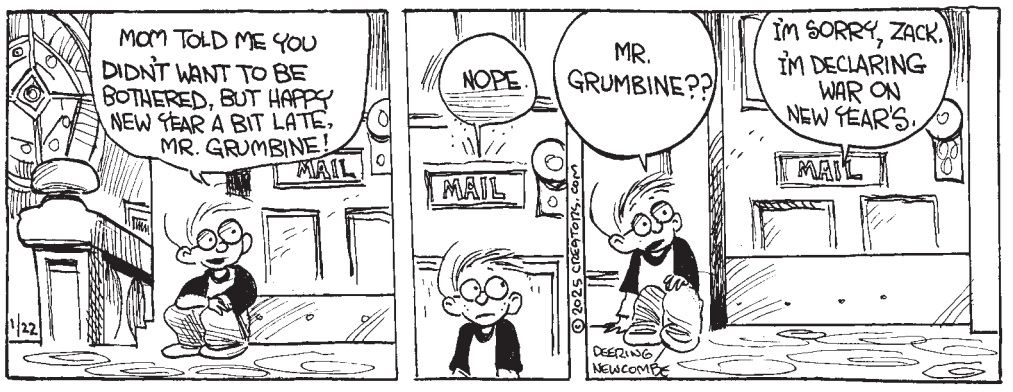
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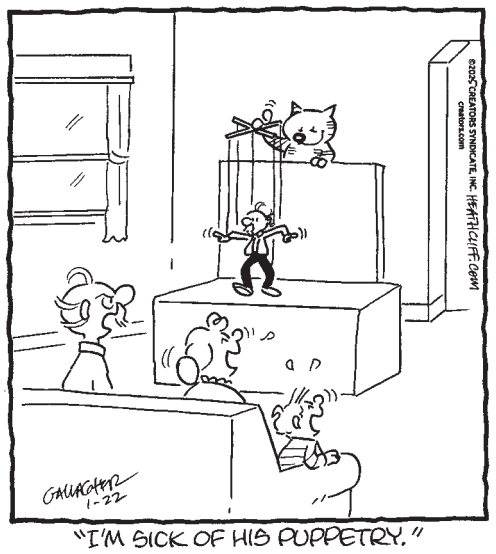
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 22)

Self-awareness and accountability will ring through your triumphs and shape your personal, professional and financial gains. Even so, what you're conscious of is only a small portion of the story. Unconscious desire manifests into magic. More highlights: a mind-blowing coincidence, adoration from afar, and critical acclaim for the tremendous beauty you create. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 1, 5 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's time to decide that you've decided. Commit to one lane and stick with it. It will be all green lights from there. The world allows you to get exactly where you're going. It's all so you'll get down to business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Structures will suit you today. It's funny how sometimes you are freer inside of a set of rules, more creative inside of a project's limits and liberated within the expectations of a relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Support changes people. You'll be there for others. The emotional solidarity bolsters spirits. People who feel seen and heard have reduced feelings of isolation and increased resilience, which lends the confidence to step forward with purpose and clarity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While others brag and call attention to themselves, you will stay quiet and let your work speak for itself. Not everyone understands your work, which is good. It tells you where to focus the best of your energy, which is to say on the ones who do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What do knowledge, topical medicine and skincare products have in common? All must be absorbed to work for you. If there's a protective layer or anything causing resistance, it needs to be removed before anything else will soak in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The golden rule of "do unto others" is delightful only if they want the same things you want. If that is not the case, no gold comes of the rule. Those who listen to and supply what the others want will be rewarded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're building something extraordinary - not just with your projects but in the way you're crafting a life that feels right and warm. Trust that even in the less ideal moments, you're still moving toward your best self. Your strength outweighs your doubts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let love grow by letting love go. You've demonstrated your intent. You've listened and learned. You've done enough to get to know and be known by the other person. Now step back and trust the hand of fate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll leverage a special friendship to tick off an item on your wish list. Getting what you want will have a ripple effect, and others will get what they want, too. Your presence just might start a scene.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's chased will run. This is why you don't chase and instead focus on building attraction. It has you ignoring what you're bad at and maximizing your gifts. With a focus on strengths, weaknesses become a moot point.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The act of helping others brings a deeper fulfillment than receiving help yourself. It doesn't change the fact that sometimes, you too need a lift. Today the universe lines up offers and opportunities just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've come a long way and now you'll be retracing some of those steps. Don't worry about the things you said. It wasn't about your word choices. There's quite a lot else going on right now.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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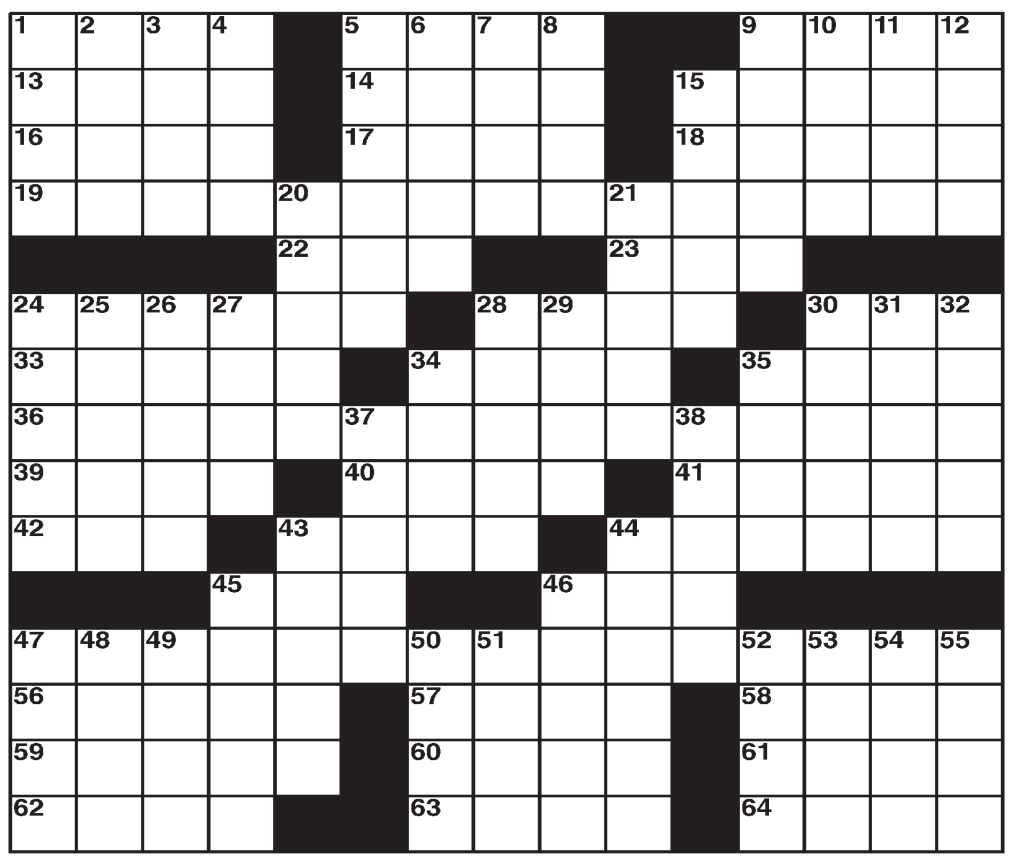
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ACROSS

1 Any present given
5 Fairy tale beast
9 Remain undecided
13 Exclusively
14 Stir up
15 Any nostalgic song
16 On the summit of
17 24-hr. cash dispensers
18 New Hampshire neighbor
19 every character in this clue
22 PC key near X
23 Long __ (way back in time)
24 Walked confidently
28 Elsa's *Frozen* sister
30 CBS police franchise
33 Boxing match venue
34 Corrosive liquid
35 "How clumsy of me"
36 C-in-circle ownership character
39 Elaborate deception
40 "What difference __ it make?"
41 Spooky
42 Secret agent
43 Fruits in some cookies
44 Waterways of Venice
45 Sticky stuff
46 Go wrong
47 Character indicating shouting
56 Hiking path
57 Enjoy some gum
58 "That explains it"
59 Jokers and jacks
60 Totally destroy
61 Royal ruler
62 Excessive publicity
63 Swelled heads
64 Consumes

DOWN

1 Soccer game score
2 Delve __ (investigate)
3 River's movement
4 Work at a keyboard
5 Fortune-teller
6 Alluded to
7 Eyeglass frames
8 Otherwise
9 Greek philosopher
10 Revise writing
11 Highest sudoku digit
12 Antlered animal
15 Greek alphabet ender
20 Speed-tracking device
21 Finishes a plane flight
24 Goldman's Wall Street partner
25 Army unit
26 Settle, as a debt
27 Cameo stone
28 Needs a massage
29 Minor quibbles
30 Snake charmer's snake
31 Go bad, as milk
32 Maui and Manhattan
34 Extremely eager
35 Prophetic sign
37 "Miss the boat" or "run a tight ship"
38 Long (for)
43 Baby horses
44 Royalty's headgear
45 Aviate without an engine
46 "...had a farm, __"
47 Engrave deeply
48 Dental exam image
49 Complain a lot
50 Cornfield measure
51 Hoodlum
52 Emcee's amplifier
53 Large section of an atlas
54 Take a lease
55 Brewery barrels



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CANCER

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not only lung cancer from a slower reduction of smoking, but also an increase in breast and thyroid cancers.

A standout in the report is racial inequalities when it come to cancer diagnosis, such as Native Americans two to three times more likely to die from kidney, liver, stomach and cervical cancers compared to White individuals. Cervical cancer, a preventative disease, also impacts the United States' Black population more than White counterparts.

May said that "we cannot make a dent in our cancer progress unless we focus on all people," which means more focus on screening awareness and public health education.

"When you think about the things that are precursors to cancers, like tobacco use, obesity, these are things that aren't commonly addressed (in) underserved populations, or there's a stigma about talking about them, and I think that's a disservice," May added. "It's a danger to our collective aim to improve cancer outcomes."

More more information on the 2025 report, visit cancer.org.

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TRUMP

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But the violence that day has been documented extensively through videos, testimony and other evidence seen by judges and jurors in the courthouse that its within view of the Capitol.

Police were dragged into the crowd and beaten. Rioters used makeshift weapons to attack police, including flagpoles, a crutch and a hockey stick. Investigators documented a number of firearms in the crowd, along with knives, a pitchfork, a tomahawk ax, brass knuckle gloves and other weapons. Officers have described in testimony fearing for their lives as members of the mob hurled insults and obscenities at them.

Of the more than 1,500 people charged, about 250 people were convicted of crimes by a judge or a jury after a trial, while more than 1,000 others had pleaded guilty to offenses. Only two people were acquitted of all charges by judges after bench trials. No jury has fully acquitted a Capitol riot defendant.

More than 1,000 rioters had been sentenced, with over 700 receiving at least some time behind bars. The rest were given some combination of probation, community service, home detention or fines.

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN Associated Press

GRIEF

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Yet it is a common response, said Tory Fiedler, a Red Cross disaster mental health manager who is helping to coordinate the response to the wildfires.

"Most of us get our sense of self and value from what we do in service to others," she said.

"When I'm not able to do that, I feel bad about that," she added. "I feel guilty that I didn't get to help. I didn't do enough. I survived and other people didn't, and I can't help them. And it's not just I survived and other people didn't, but I don't know what to do about that."

Compounding the pain is the fact that many families are still awaiting formal notification from the medical examiner, a process that could take weeks.

During that painful wait, Carol Smith has been praying. Her son, Randy Miod, a 55-year-old surfer, known to friends as Craw Daddy, had lived in his Malibu home for three decades, first as a renter and then the owner. Known as the "Crab Shack," it was a popular hang-out spot for surfers, with loaner boards always available.

She said he never evacuated for wildfires, including during the Franklin Fire in December that knocked out power to his home for three days.

"I'm scared," she recalled him telling her the last time they spoke. She begged of him, "Please, go somewhere safe, so I don't worry."

But he wasn't budging, telling her: "I've got the hose. And he said, 'Pray for the Palisades and pray for Malibu. And I love you.'"

After human remains were found in the home, a detective told her that the fire was moving five football fields a minute, beyond the scope of what her son anticipated.

In Altadena, cinders were flying as McDaniels packed her car in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 8. Before she left, her late sister's husband, Anthony Mitchell, a 68-year-old amputee who lived nearby, assured her that an ambulance was coming to evacuate him and his 35-year-old son Justin Mitchell, who had cerebral palsy and was bed-bound.

But as she neared the freeway, he called back, telling her, "Stay with me until they get here."

She pulled over and could hear her nephew, who loved his collection of children's books and watched an eclectic mix of TV shows that included "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and "The Golden Girls," fretting in the background.

Her brother-in-law was reassuring him: "Daddy's here. I'm coming. Daddy's coming. Daddy's here."

But then the fire was upon them. The last word she heard her brother-in-law mutter was "help" before she sped to his home, black smoke greeting her when she flung open the door.

"You're helpless," she recalled, saying she nearly got into a wreck herself as she fled, sobbing in the thick smoke, her own home destroyed, too.

She is not quite sure what they could have done. The family thought the ambulance Anthony Mitchell called hours earlier would have arrived in time. Perhaps, had they known it wouldn't, several relatives could have carried her nephew out with sheets, she said.

Her nephew's younger brother, 33-year-old Jordan Mitchell, lived at home so he could help care for his brother but was hospitalized with sepsis at the time, unable to do anything.

"I very much told myself, I said, 'I am my brother's keeper,' and I'm proud of that," he said, noting that his SUV, which he chose because it fit his father and brother's wheelchairs, survived the flames. "And I was very protective of him. I didn't think he'd be gone this soon. I figured I'd be taking care of him the rest of my life."

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH and MARK THIESSEN Associated Press



WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 22

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

SMI Room, Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr. The goal of the Santa Monica Human Services Commission (HSC) is to advise City Council on priorities and strategies involving the well-being, equity, and needs of vulnerable, low income, and at-risk residents including youth and families, seniors, and people experiencing homelessness.

THURSDAY | JANUARY 23

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A LA Law Library legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions, learn about the law, or prepare to go to court. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

BOURBON TASTING WITH BUFFALO TRACE

7 - 9 p.m. Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina del Rey. Get an inside look at the artistry and dedication that goes into each bottle of expertly curated bourbon. General admission ticket includes a three-course dinner and a take-home souvenir. Tickets $60, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bourbon-tasting-with-buffalo-trace-at-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-1091308305519.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 24

CHINESE PAPER LANTERNS WITH EMMY LAM

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. It's the Year of the Snake! Learn about Lunar New Year and other Chinese Festivals and make a paper lantern. All materials provided. Space is limited; free tickets available at 3:30 p.m. For ages 8 & up.

COMEDY PARTY AND BENEFIT SHOW

7 - 10 p.m. ARTime Barro, 302 Pico Blvd. BackDoor Comedy is back in 2025 with great comedy, food and music. Happy hour from 7 to 7:45, comedy from 7:45 to 9, after party from 9 to 10. Food from Bello Pizza. Benefit show for the LA wildfires. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-comedy-party-benefit-show-for-the-la-wildfires-tickets-1141720459629.

POETRY COLLECTION CELEBRATION

8 - 9:30 p.m. Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice. Authors Nancy Miller Gomez ("Inconsolable Objects"), Lynda V.E. Crawford ("Washing Water") and Lynne Thompson ("Blue on a Blue Palette") are celebrating newly published collections and will be reading from their latest books. Enjoy a reception and book signings after the program. Tickets $10, students/seniors $6, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nancy-miller-gomez-lynda-ve-crawford-lynne-thompson-tickets-1118331051279.

SATURDAY | JANUARY 25

ARTISTS & FLEAS VENICE MARKETPLACE

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney, Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminster Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage.

SINGLES MIXER

5 - 6 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place, #300. Grab your wingman or wingwoman, or come solo, and join for a lively singles social hour in one of the most breathtaking venues in town. Things are kept fun, fast and packed with potential, making the most of the time together. Dress is stylist yet casual. Tickets $35, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-singles-mixer-views-vibes-happy-hour-ages-30s-40s-and-50s-tickets-1123745295429.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

6 p.m. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage, 1310 11th St. Concert featuring the Windward Performing Arts Beginning Band, Intermediate Instrumental Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, American Music Ensemble and Advanced Jazz Ensemble. Metered street parking is readily available. Tickets $22, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-music-concert-plugged-tickets-1081568684049.

FUTURE SOUNDS OF JAZZ

7:30 p.m. Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Continuing the Future Sounds of Jazz series curated by Stanley Clarke, BroadStage presents Marlon Martinez and Marlonius Jazz Orchestra, featuring Olivia Super Harris. General admission standing tickets $30, reserved table seat $100. To purchase, visit: https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/marlon-martinez-and-marlonius-jazz-orchestra/.

SUNDAY | JANUARY 26

WELLNESS ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1-Acre Ocean-View Rooftop, 500 Broadway. A dynamic and inclusive wellness charity experience connecting you with doctors, founders, military, athletes, creators, investors, philanthropists and charities. Profits go towards the LAFD Foundation. Tickets $99, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poise-wellness-rooftop-ocean-view-experience-profits-to-lafd-foundation-tickets-1127257881669.

AN AFTERNOON WITH SENATOR RON WYDEN

3 - 4 p.m. The Ann and Jerry Moss Theater, New Roads School, Herb Albert Educational Village, 3131 Olympic Blvd. Ron Wyden, a Democratic Senator from Oregon, will be discussing his book "It Takes Chutzpah: How to Fight Fearlessly for Progressive Change." Tickets $25-$50, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-senator-ron-wyden-tickets-1137179958869.

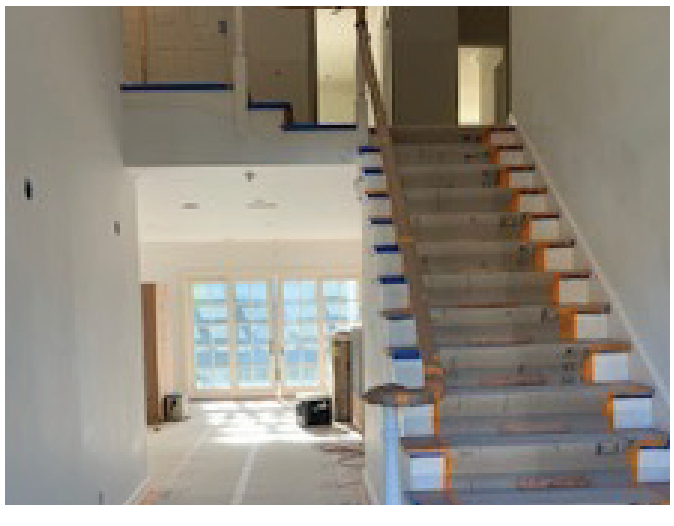
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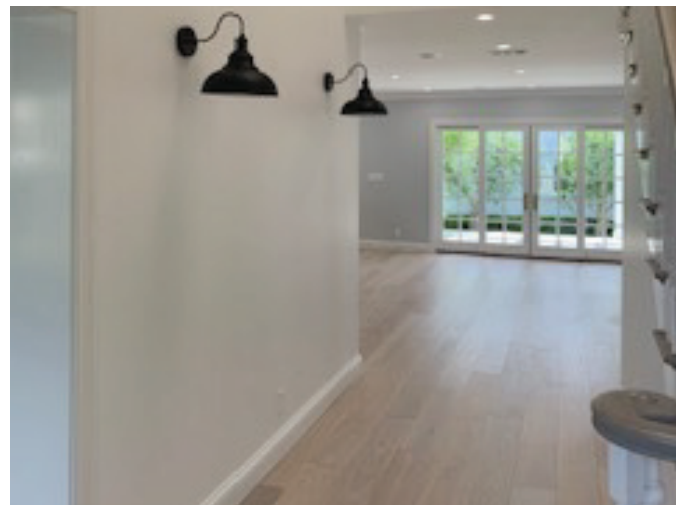
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